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PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX

	APRIL 99/APRIL 98	APRIL 99/MARCH 99
MANITOBA	2.0	0.7
CANADA	1.7	0.5

The Manitoba all items index rose 2.0% in April 1999 compared with April 1998, up from an annual rate of 1.3% in March. Canada's annual rate of price increase in April was 1.7%, up from 1.0% the previous month.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

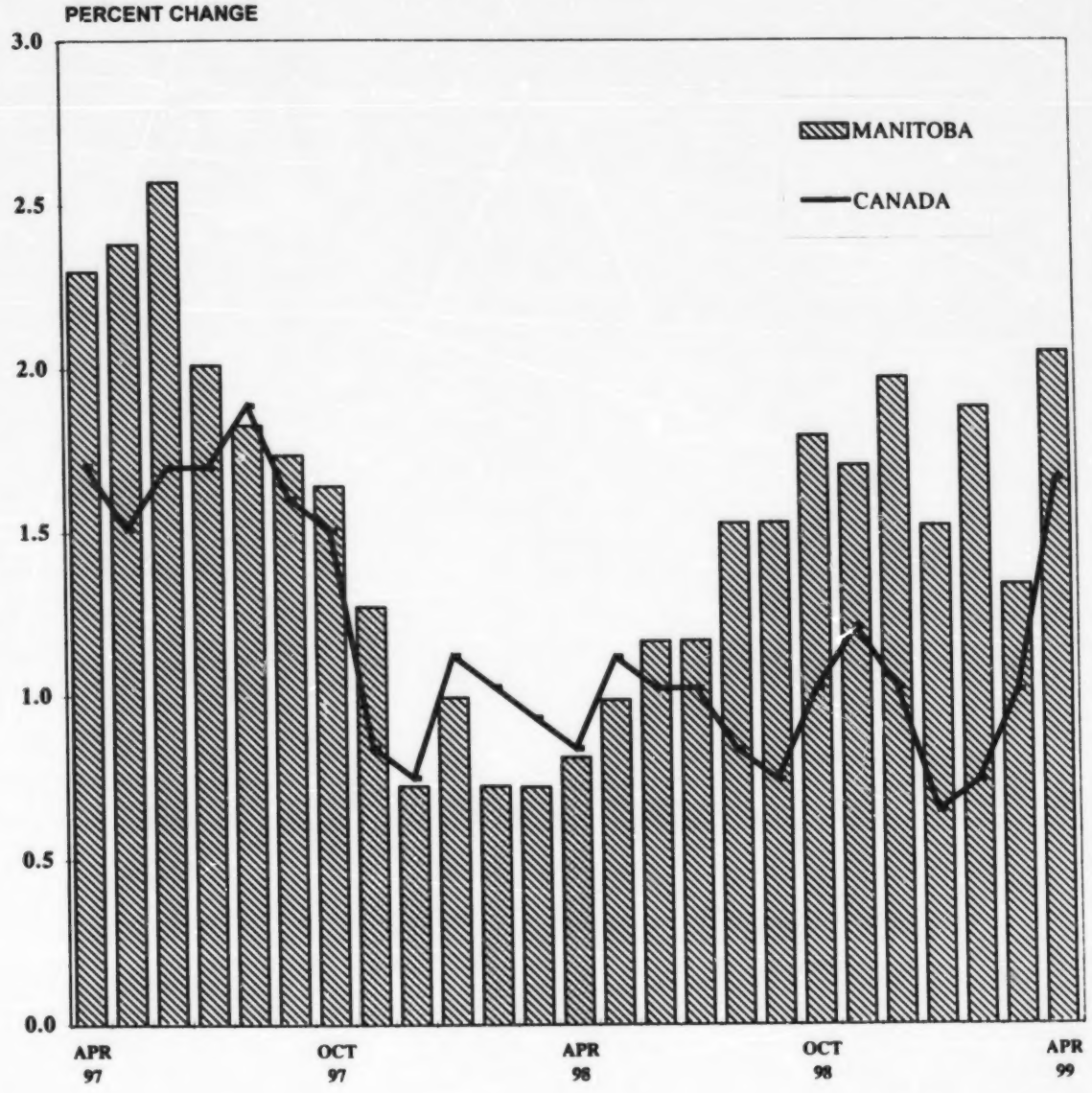
Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 2.0% in April 1999 was the highest provincial increase. Prince Edward Island had the lowest annual rate last month at 0.1%. Winnipeg's annual rate of inflation in April was 2.0%, up from 1.4% last month.

On a month-to-month basis, the Manitoba all-items index rose 0.7% in April, following a 0.1% decline the previous month. Much of the April rise can be attributed to higher costs for gasoline, restaurant meals, women's and children's clothing and home maintenance and repair. Additional increases were noted for bakery products, fresh fruit, dental care and air fares. Prices were lower in April for household textiles and some food and personal care items. Overall prices at the national level rose 0.5% in April, up from a 0.4% monthly gain in March.

CHART 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

MONTHLY INFLATION RATE

MANITOBA AND CANADA



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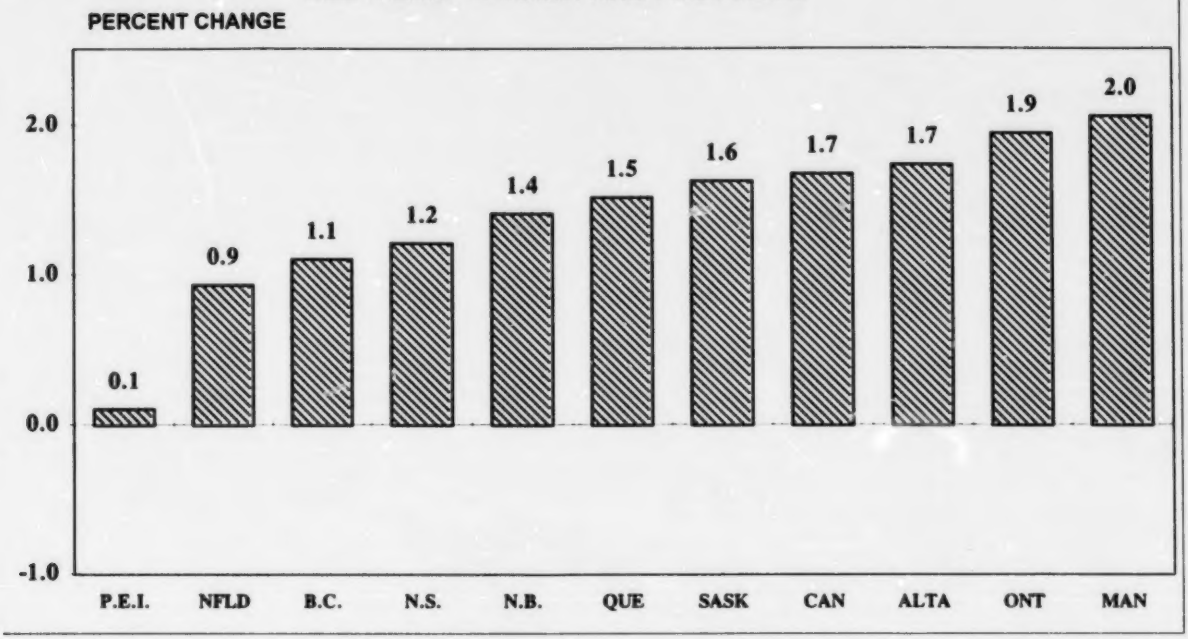

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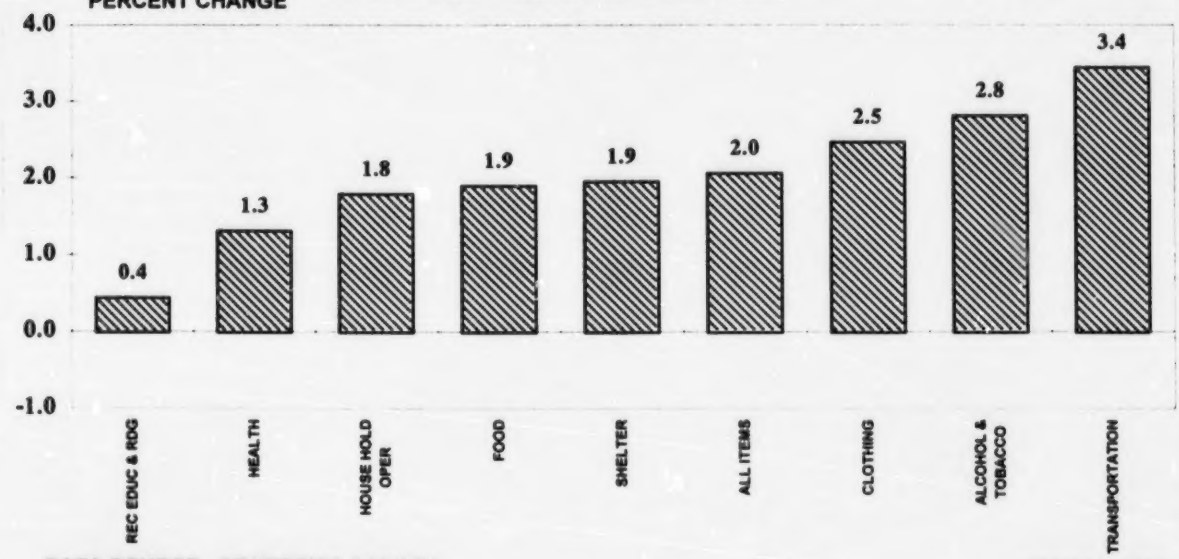

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR APRIL 1999

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	APR 99	MAR 99	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 98	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 99	MAR 99	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 98	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	114.6	113.8	0.7	112.3	2.0	110.1	109.5	0.5	108.3	1.7
FOOD	113.7	112.9	0.7	111.6	1.9	110.9	110.7	0.2	108.9	1.8
SHELTER	110.5	110.3	0.2	108.4	1.9	104.8	104.5	0.3	103.5	1.3
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	108.9	109.3	-0.4	107.0	1.8	108.8	108.7	0.1	108.4	0.4
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	117.0	115.3	1.5	114.2	2.5	105.8	106.2	-0.4	103.8	1.9
TRANSPORTATION	126.8	124.1	2.2	122.6	3.4	123.6	121.3	1.9	120.2	2.8
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	109.8	109.0	0.7	108.4	1.3	110.0	109.2	0.7	107.7	2.1
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	119.0	118.5	0.4	118.5	0.4	117.7	117.3	0.3	116.4	1.1
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	102.9	102.9	0.0	100.1	2.8	94.0	93.7	0.3	92.2	2.0
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	114.9	114.0	0.8	112.5	2.1	110.0	109.3	0.6	108.3	1.6
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	114.9	114.5	0.3	112.8	1.9	110.2	109.9	0.3	108.7	1.4
ENERGY	114.8	110.0	4.4	109.5	4.8	107.6	103.8	3.7	103.7	3.8
GOODS	112.5	111.4	1.0	110.7	1.6	107.4	106.7	0.7	105.6	1.7
SERVICES	116.9	116.3	0.5	114.1	2.5	113.2	112.8	0.4	111.5	1.5

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR APRIL 1999

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	APR 99	MAR 99	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 98	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 99	MAR 99	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 98	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	114.6	113.8	0.7	112.3	2.0	113.7	112.9	0.7	111.6	1.9
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	113.2	113.1	0.1	111.4	1.6	111.9	111.7	0.2	110.6	1.2
ALBERTA	112.2	111.9	0.3	110.3	1.7	108.8	109.2	-0.4	106.9	1.8
BRITISH COLUMBIA	111.0	110.3	0.6	109.8	1.1	113.9	113.3	0.5	111.6	2.1
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	110.6	110.0	0.5	108.5	1.9	110.8	110.2	0.5	108.3	2.3
QUEBEC	107.8	107.4	0.4	106.2	1.5	110.8	111.1	-0.3	108.9	1.7
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	108.8	107.7	1.0	107.3	1.4	109.6	108.4	1.1	107.8	1.7
NOVA SCOTIA	109.7	108.7	0.9	108.4	1.2	111.5	110.2	1.2	110.5	0.9
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	106.4	106.6	-0.2	106.3	0.1	109.0	109.8	-0.7	109.2	-0.2
NEWFOUNDLAND	109.4	109.2	0.2	108.4	0.9	110.6	112.1	-1.3	109.9	0.6
* MANITOBA RANK			8		10			8		8

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF APRIL 1999)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	2.0	1.7	2.8	4.5	1.5	1.0
FOOD	1.9	1.8	-0.4	-0.7	1.0	1.5
SHELTER	1.9	1.3	0.4	1.2	2.0	0.8
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	1.8	0.4	0.4	3.4	2.5	0.9
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	2.5	1.9	7.9	8.3	2.0	1.0
TRANSPORTATION	3.4	2.8	8.6	11.8	0.7	-0.4
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	1.3	2.1	-3.9	3.7	2.2	2.1
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	0.4	1.1	4.8	7.8	1.2	1.8
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	2.8	2.0	4.0	1.3	2.4	3.3
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.1	1.6	3.6	5.6	1.7	0.9
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.9	1.4	3.2	4.1	1.8	1.3
ENERGY	4.8	3.8	8.4	18.6	0.6	-2.9
GOODS	1.6	1.7	1.1	4.6	0.8	0.3
SERVICES	2.5	1.5	4.6	4.0	2.4	1.7

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TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR APRIL 1999: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	APR 99	MAR 99	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	114.7	113.9	0.7	2.0	1.6
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	114.2	114.1	0.1	1.7	1.9
SASKATOON	112.8	112.6	0.2	1.8	1.8
CALGARY	112.9	112.6	0.3	1.9	1.9
EDMONTON	111.0	110.7	0.3	1.6	1.3
VANCOUVER	111.2	110.4	0.7	0.9	0.5
VICTORIA	110.9	110.2	0.6	1.0	0.3
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	111.0	110.3	0.6	1.8	0.7
TORONTO	110.7	110.3	0.4	1.9	1.0
OTTAWA	111.8	111.2	0.5	1.9	1.0
MONTREAL	108.0	107.5	0.5	1.7	1.4
QUEBEC	108.7	108.3	0.4	1.5	1.2
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	108.5	107.5	0.9	1.3	0.3
HALIFAX	109.3	108.3	0.9	1.4	0.6
CHARLOTTETOWN	106.6	106.8	-0.2	0.2	-0.3
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	109.7	109.4	0.3	1.1	0.3
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			13	16	13

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PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX

	MAY 99/MAY 98	MAY 99/APRIL 99
MANITOBA	1.9	0.4
CANADA	1.6	0.3

The Manitoba all items index rose 1.9% in May 1999 compared with May 1998, down from an annual rate of 2.0% in April. Canada's annual rate of price increase in May was 1.6%, down from 1.7% the previous month.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

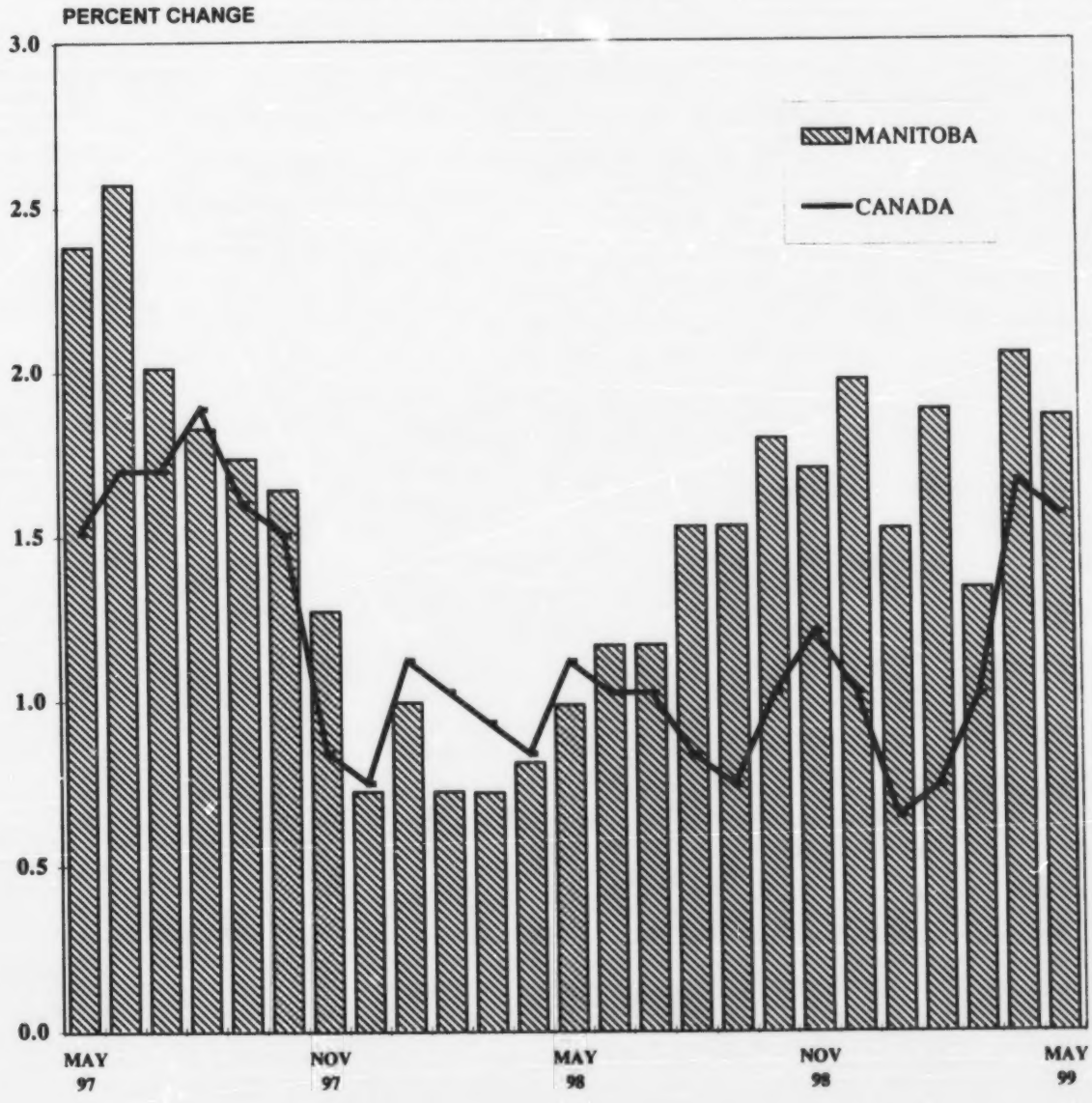
Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 1.9% in May 1999 was the second highest provincial increase. Alberta had the highest increase last month at 2.2%, while British Columbia had the lowest annual rate at 0.7%. Winnipeg's annual rate of inflation in May was 1.8%, down from 2.0% in April.

On a month-to-month basis, the Manitoba all-items index rose 0.4% in May, down from a 0.7% increase the previous month. Much of the May rise can be attributed to higher costs for gasoline, fresh produce, personal care supplies and equipment, confectionery items and purchase and operating costs for recreational vehicles. Other contributing factors were higher prices for cigarettes, household paper and plastic items, served alcoholic beverages and recreational equipment and services. Downward pressure on the index came from lower prices for women's clothing, footwear, bakery products and home maintenance and repair. Overall prices at the national level rose 0.3% in May, down from a 0.5% monthly gain in March.

CHART 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

MONTHLY INFLATION RATE

MANITOBA AND CANADA



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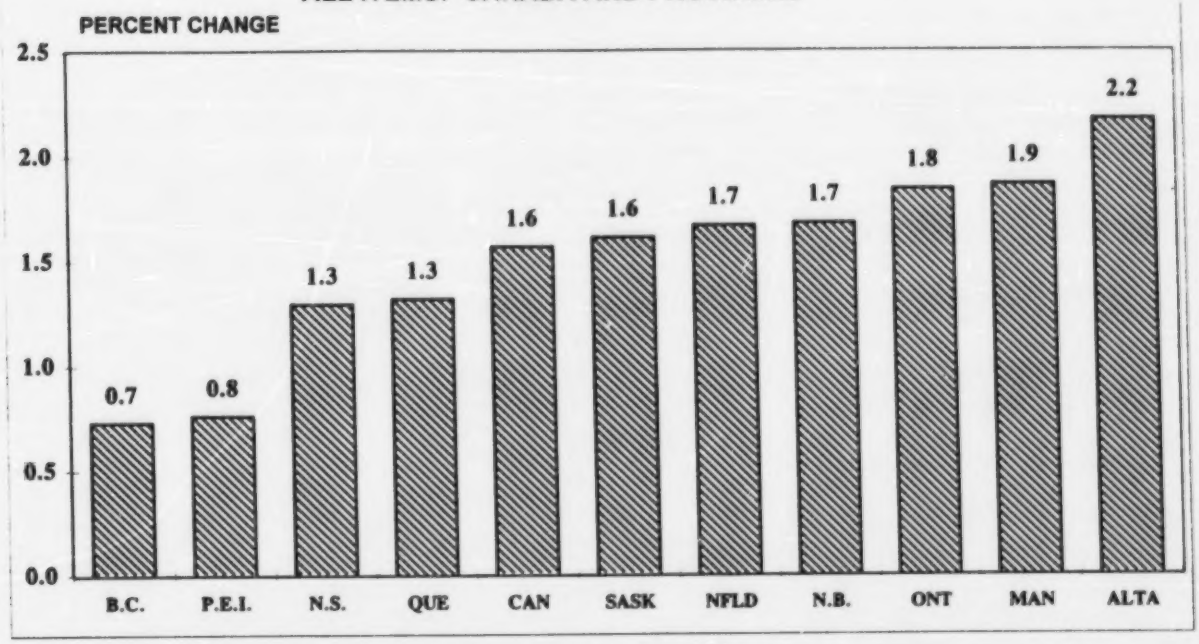

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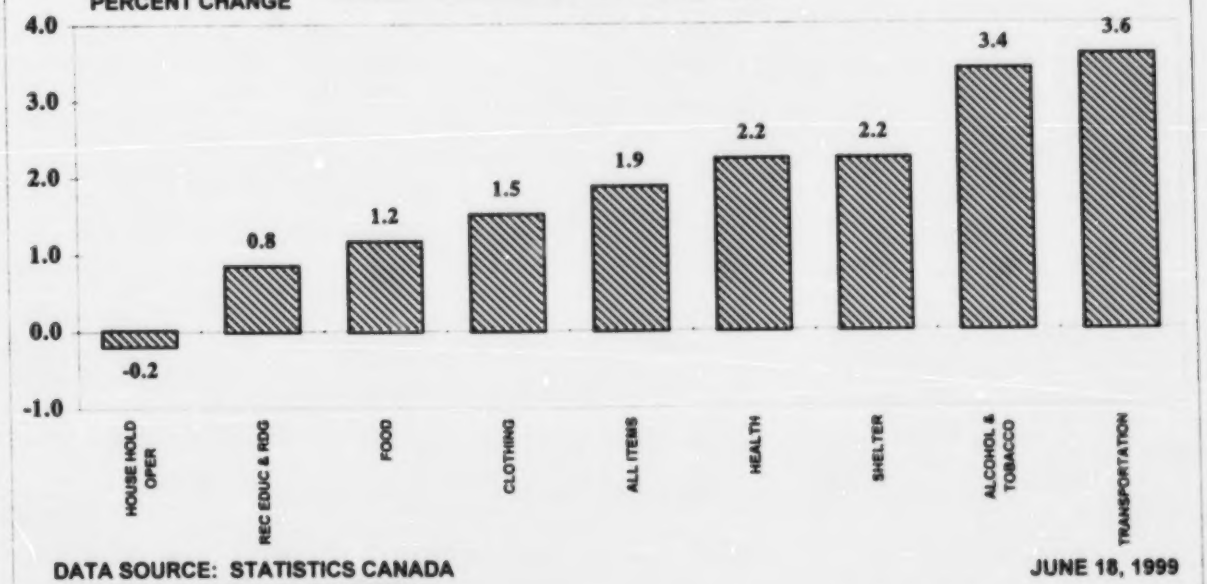

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(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	MAY 99	APR 99	PERCENT CHANGE	MAY 98	PERCENT CHANGE	MAY 99	APR 99	PERCENT CHANGE	MAY 98	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	115.1	114.6	0.4	113.0	1.9	110.4	110.1	0.3	108.7	1.6
FOOD	114.3	113.7	0.5	113.0	1.2	111.1	110.9	0.2	109.4	1.6
SHELTER	110.4	110.5	-0.1	108.0	2.2	104.6	104.8	-0.2	103.5	1.1
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	109.5	108.9	0.6	109.7	-0.2	109.1	108.8	0.3	108.4	0.6
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	115.2	117.0	-1.5	113.5	1.5	104.9	105.8	-0.9	103.1	1.7
TRANSPORTATION	127.7	126.8	0.7	123.3	3.6	124.1	123.6	0.4	120.7	2.8
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	110.7	109.8	0.8	108.3	2.2	110.4	110.0	0.4	108.2	2.0
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	120.9	119.0	1.6	119.9	0.8	119.6	117.7	1.6	118.3	1.1
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	103.8	102.9	0.9	100.4	3.4	94.7	94.0	0.7	92.6	2.3
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	115.3	114.9	0.3	113.1	1.9	110.3	110.0	0.3	108.6	1.6
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	115.2	114.9	0.3	113.2	1.8	110.4	110.2	0.2	108.9	1.4
ENERGY	116.5	114.8	1.5	111.4	4.6	108.4	107.6	0.7	105.2	3.0
GOODS	113.1	112.5	0.5	111.5	1.4	107.7	107.4	0.3	106.0	1.6
SERVICES	117.2	116.9	0.3	114.6	2.3	113.6	113.2	0.4	111.8	1.6

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(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	MAY 99	APR 99	PERCENT CHANGE	MAY 98	PERCENT CHANGE	MAY 99	APR 99	PERCENT CHANGE	MAY 98	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	115.1	114.6	0.4	113.0	1.9	114.3	113.7	0.5	113.0	1.2
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	113.8	113.2	0.5	112.0	1.6	112.5	111.9	0.5	112.5	0.0
ALBERTA	113.0	112.2	0.7	110.6	2.2	109.1	108.8	0.3	107.8	1.2
BRITISH COLUMBIA	111.1	111.0	0.1	110.3	0.7	113.9	113.9	0.0	112.5	1.2
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	110.9	110.6	0.3	108.9	1.8	111.3	110.8	0.5	108.4	2.7
QUEBEC	107.9	107.8	0.1	106.5	1.3	110.4	110.8	-0.4	109.7	0.6
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	109.3	108.8	0.5	107.5	1.7	110.5	109.6	0.8	107.9	2.4
NOVA SCOTIA	109.9	109.7	0.2	108.5	1.3	112.0	111.5	0.4	110.5	1.4
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	106.4	106.4	0.0	105.6	0.8	108.9	109.0	-0.1	108.3	0.6
NEWFOUNDLAND	110.1	109.4	0.6	108.3	1.7	111.6	110.6	0.9	109.9	1.5
* MANITOBA RANK			6		9			7		4

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF MAY 1999)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	1.9	1.6	4.3	4.9	1.6	1.0
FOOD	1.2	1.6	3.9	2.2	1.1	1.5
SHELTER	2.2	1.1	0.0	0.4	2.1	0.9
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	-0.2	0.6	0.7	2.2	2.2	0.8
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	1.5	1.7	-3.1	1.9	2.0	1.1
TRANSPORTATION	3.6	2.8	12.8	14.8	1.0	-0.1
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	2.2	2.0	5.6	4.5	2.2	2.1
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	0.8	1.1	5.8	9.9	1.1	1.6
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	3.4	2.3	6.4	4.3	2.6	3.2
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	1.9	1.6	4.3	5.6	1.7	0.9
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.8	1.4	2.8	3.7	1.8	1.3
ENERGY	4.6	3.0	18.8	26.1	1.2	-2.4
GOODS	1.4	1.6	4.0	5.8	0.9	0.4
SERVICES	2.3	1.6	4.2	4.3	2.4	1.7

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(1992 = 100)

	MAY 99	APR 99	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	115.1	114.7	0.3	1.8	1.7
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	114.7	114.2	0.4	1.7	1.9
SASKATOON	113.5	112.8	0.6	1.8	1.8
CALGARY	113.7	112.9	0.7	2.2	1.9
EDMONTON	111.8	111.0	0.7	2.1	1.4
VANCOUVER	111.2	111.2	0.0	0.5	0.5
VICTORIA	111.0	110.9	0.1	0.6	0.3
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	111.4	111.0	0.4	1.9	0.8
TORONTO	111.2	110.7	0.5	2.0	1.1
OTTAWA	112.2	111.8	0.4	1.8	1.1
MONTREAL	108.0	108.0	0.0	1.3	1.3
QUEBEC	108.8	108.7	0.1	1.2	1.2
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	109.0	108.5	0.5	1.6	0.4
HALIFAX	109.4	109.3	0.1	1.4	0.6
CHARLOTTETOWN	106.6	106.6	0.0	0.7	-0.2
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	110.2	109.7	0.5	1.7	0.4
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			7	10	13

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - JUNE 1999

	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	JUNE 99/JUNE 98	JUNE 99/MAY 99
MANITOBA	1.9	0.1
CANADA	1.6	0.1

The Manitoba all items index rose 1.9% in June 1999 compared with June 1998, unchanged from the annual rate in May. Canada's annual rate of price increase in June was 1.6%, also unchanged from the previous month.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

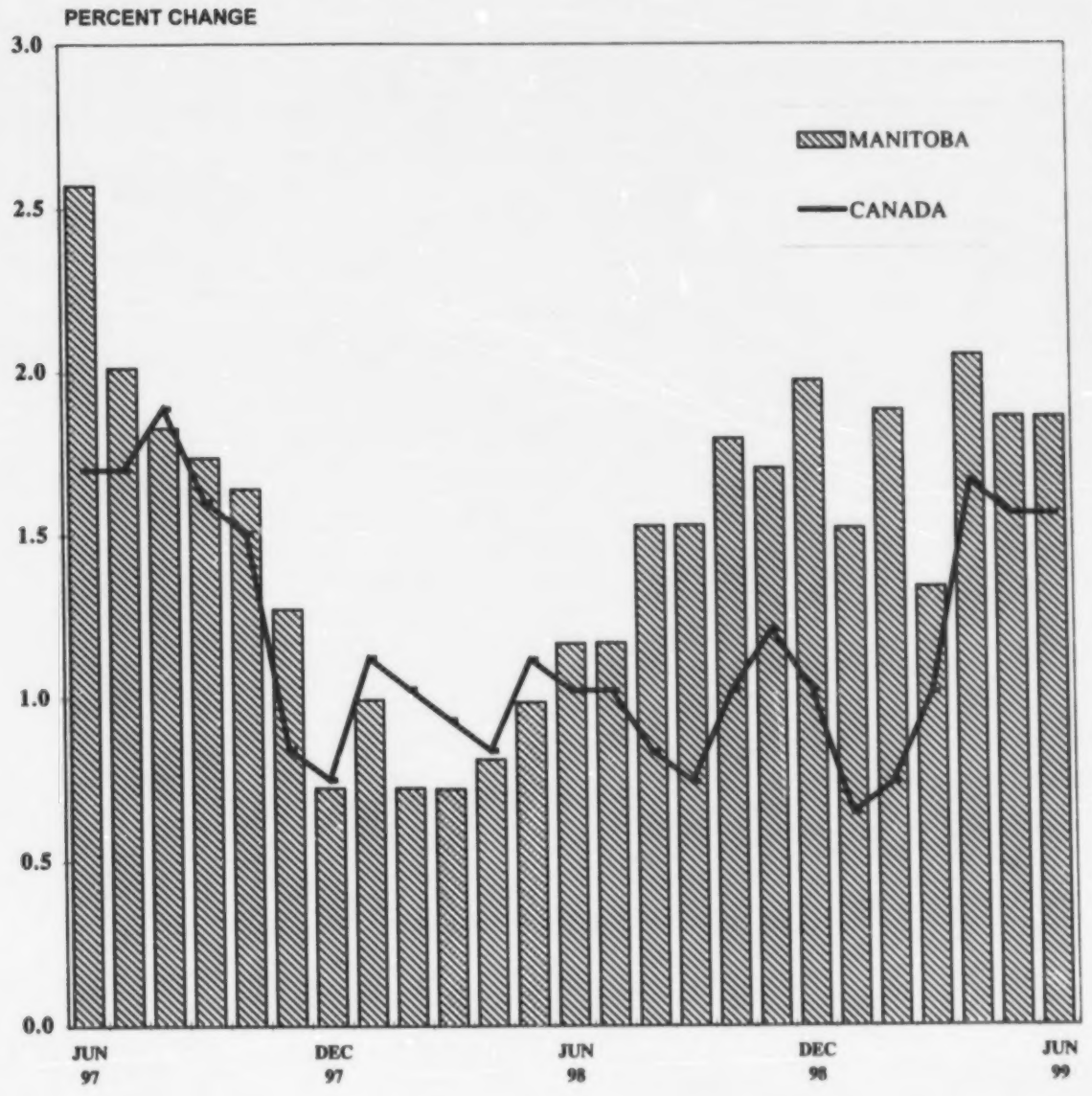
Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 1.9% in June 1999 was tied with Ontario for the highest among the provinces. British Columbia and Prince Edward Island were tied for the lowest annual rate last month at 1.0%. Winnipeg's annual rate of inflation in June was 1.9%, up slightly from 1.8% in May.

On a month-to-month basis, the Manitoba all-items index rose 0.1% in June, down from a 0.4% increase the previous month. Much of the June rise can be attributed to higher costs for furniture and household textiles, home maintenance and repair, fresh and frozen chicken, fresh vegetables, sugar and confectionery items and dairy products. This upward pressure on the Manitoba index was offset to some extent by lower prices for men's clothing, home entertainment equipment and services, recreational equipment, reading material and some household goods and services. Prices of some food items were also lower in June, notably fresh fruit, eggs, bakery and cereal products, beef and non-alcoholic beverages. Overall prices at the national level rose 0.1% in June, down from a 0.3% monthly gain in May.

CHART 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

MONTHLY INFLATION RATE

MANITOBA AND CANADA



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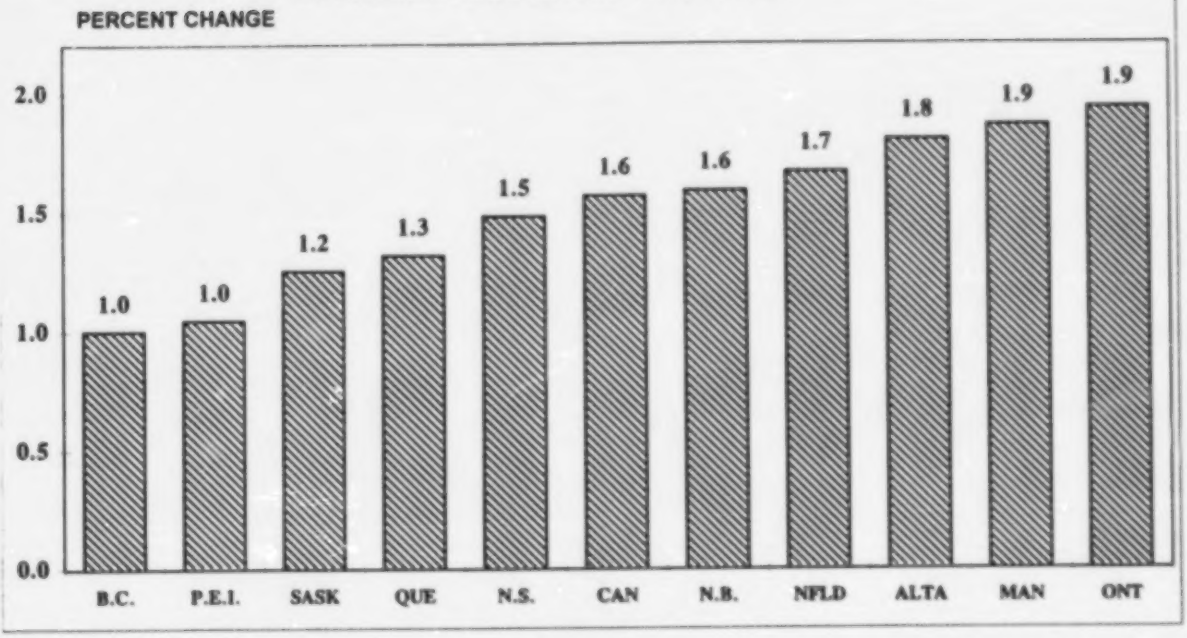

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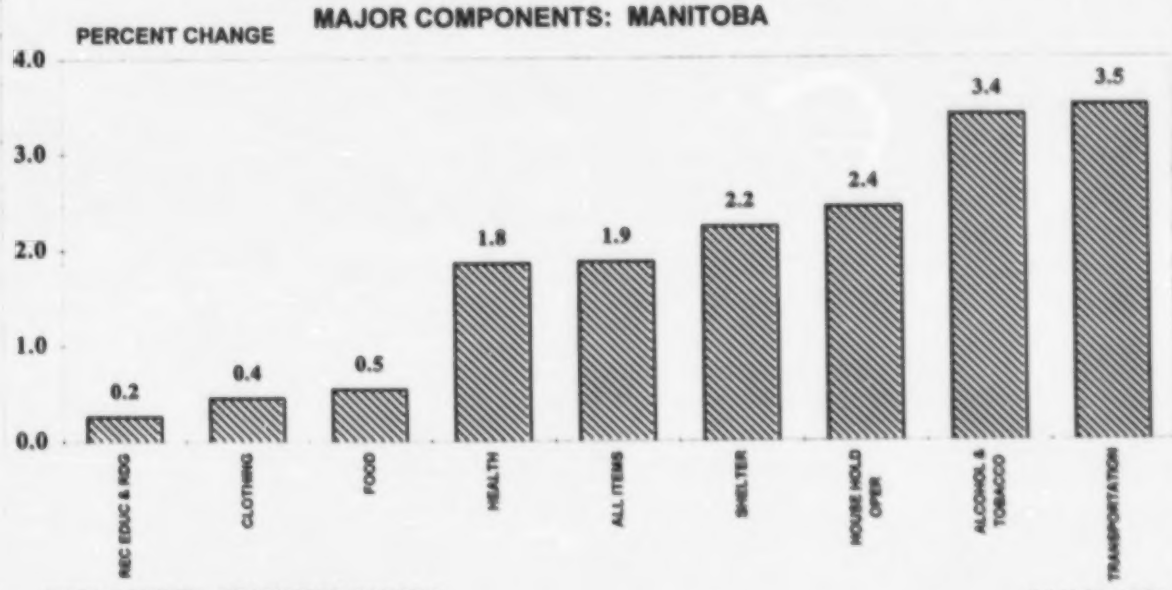

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JUNE 1999

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	JUN 99	MAY 99	PERCENT CHANGE	JUN 98	PERCENT CHANGE	JUN 99	MAY 99	PERCENT CHANGE	JUN 98	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	115.2	115.1	0.1	113.1	1.9	110.5	110.4	0.1	108.8	1.6
FOOD	114.5	114.3	0.2	113.9	0.5	111.5	111.1	0.4	110.2	1.2
SHELTER	110.5	110.4	0.1	108.1	2.2	104.7	104.6	0.1	103.5	1.2
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	110.0	109.5	0.5	107.4	2.4	109.2	109.1	0.1	108.0	1.1
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	114.8	115.2	-0.3	114.3	0.4	104.5	104.9	-0.4	103.2	1.3
TRANSPORTATION	127.7	127.7	0.0	123.4	3.5	123.7	124.1	-0.3	120.7	2.5
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	110.7	110.7	0.0	108.7	1.8	110.5	110.4	0.1	108.2	2.1
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	121.3	120.9	0.3	121.0	0.2	120.6	119.6	0.8	118.5	1.8
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	103.8	103.8	0.0	100.4	3.4	94.7	94.7	0.0	92.6	2.3
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	115.4	115.3	0.1	113.0	2.1	110.4	110.3	0.1	108.6	1.7
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	115.3	115.2	0.1	113.2	1.9	110.6	110.4	0.2	108.8	1.7
ENERGY	116.5	116.5	0.0	111.4	4.6	107.6	108.4	-0.7	105.1	2.4
GOODS	113.0	113.1	-0.1	111.8	1.1	107.6	107.7	-0.1	106.2	1.3
SERVICES	117.6	117.2	0.3	114.5	2.7	113.9	113.6	0.3	111.9	1.8

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JUNE 1999

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	JUN 99	MAY 99	PERCENT CHANGE	JUN 98	PERCENT CHANGE	JUN 99	MAY 99	PERCENT CHANGE	JUN 98	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	115.2	115.1	0.1	113.1	1.9	114.5	114.3	0.2	113.9	0.5
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	113.6	113.8	-0.2	112.2	1.2	111.7	112.5	-0.7	113.2	-1.3
ALBERTA	113.3	113.0	0.3	111.3	1.8	109.2	109.1	0.1	108.9	0.3
BRITISH COLUMBIA	111.5	111.1	0.4	110.4	1.0	113.7	113.9	-0.2	113.5	0.2
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	110.9	110.9	0.0	108.8	1.9	111.6	111.3	0.3	108.9	2.5
QUEBEC	108.1	107.9	0.2	106.7	1.3	111.8	110.4	1.3	111.0	0.7
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	109.1	109.3	-0.2	107.4	1.6	109.7	110.5	-0.7	108.0	1.6
NOVA SCOTIA	110.0	109.9	0.1	108.4	1.5	111.7	112.0	-0.3	111.0	0.6
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	106.8	106.4	0.4	105.7	1.0	109.6	108.9	0.6	109.5	0.1
NEWFOUNDLAND	110.1	110.1	0.0	108.3	1.7	111.7	111.6	0.1	110.1	1.5
* MANITOBA RANK			5		9			7		5

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF JUNE 1999)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	1.9	1.6	5.0	3.7	1.7	1.1
FOOD	0.5	1.2	5.8	2.9	1.0	1.5
SHELTER	2.2	1.2	0.7	0.8	2.2	0.9
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	2.4	1.1	2.6	1.9	2.2	0.8
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	0.4	1.3	-1.7	-6.3	1.8	1.2
TRANSPORTATION	3.5	2.5	12.1	8.2	1.3	0.1
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	1.8	2.1	6.4	4.8	2.2	2.1
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	0.2	1.8	9.8	11.7	1.0	1.6
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	3.4	2.3	3.5	4.3	2.7	3.1
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.1	1.7	5.0	4.1	1.8	1.0
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.9	1.7	2.8	2.6	1.9	1.3
ENERGY	4.6	2.4	25.8	15.5	1.8	-2.0
GOODS	1.1	1.3	5.9	3.4	1.0	0.5
SERVICES	2.7	1.8	4.5	4.0	2.5	1.7

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(2) PROVIDES A MEASURE OF THE CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF INFLATION. THE GROWTH RATE OVER THE PRECEEDING THREE MONTHS IS CALCULATED AND THEN COMPOUNDED AT AN ANNUAL RATE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THESE CALCULATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED.

(3) COMPARES THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING THIS MONTH WITH THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ONE YEAR EARLIER.

TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JUNE 1999: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	JUN 99	MAY 99	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	115.3	115.1	0.2	1.9	1.7
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	114.6	114.7	-0.1	1.4	1.8
SASKATOON	113.2	113.5	-0.3	1.3	1.7
CALGARY	114.0	113.7	0.3	1.7	1.9
EDMONTON	112.0	111.8	0.2	1.6	1.4
VANCOUVER	111.7	111.2	0.4	0.8	0.5
VICTORIA	111.4	111.0	0.4	0.9	0.4
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	111.3	111.4	-0.1	1.7	0.9
TORONTO	111.1	111.2	-0.1	2.0	1.2
OTTAWA	112.2	112.2	0.0	1.8	1.2
MONTREAL	108.3	108.0	0.3	1.4	1.3
QUEBEC	109.1	108.8	0.3	1.4	1.2
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	108.7	109.0	-0.3	1.5	0.5
HALIFAX	109.5	109.4	0.1	1.5	0.7
CHARLOTTETOWN	107.0	106.6	0.4	1.0	-0.1
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	110.3	110.2	0.1	1.8	0.5
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			9	15	14

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